

**REMARKS**

The applicant has carefully considered the Office action dated June 16, 2005 and the references it cites. By way of this Response, claims 1, 8 and 9 have been amended and claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice to its further prosecution. In view of the following, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, the applicant notes that the specification has been amended to correct minor grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

As a further initial matter, the applicant notes that claims 10-18 stand allowed. Accordingly, claims 10-18 are not further discussed herein.

Turning to the art rejections, the Office action indicated that claims 7-9 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Pursuant to this suggestion, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 7. Accordingly, as indicated in the Office action, claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

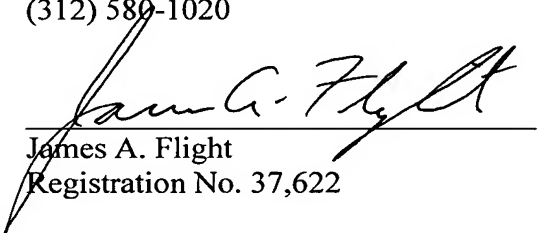
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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